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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Plate 61 comprises a radial appendix 74 having a curved slot 75 coaxial with eccentric axis 66. Slot 75 is bounded outwards by curved toothing 76 coaxial with eccentric axis 66, and houses a pinion 77 meshing with toothing 76. Pinion 77 and toothing 76 form part of a two stage reversible reduction gear drive 78, in turn forming part of assembly 58 and also comprising a gear 79 fitted to the same shaft as pinion 77 and meshing with a sprocket wheel 80 fitted to the output shaft of an electric motor 81 independent of combustion engine 1 and housed, adjacent to recess 56, inside portion 54.